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### Interview Summary

**Application No.**

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**Applicant(s)**

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**Examiner**

ROBERT HODGE

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 23 December 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 16 and 25.

Identification of prior art discussed: U.S. 5,783,325.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants proposed amending claims 16 and 25 to add the recitation of the first carbon being a sacrificial carbon. The Examiner pointed out that the instant disclosure identifies a trademark black carbon product called Black Pearls 2000 as being the first carbon material which is the sacrificial component and the Cabasso reference teaches the same product and therefore the property would inherently be present.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Robert Hodge/  
Examiner, Art Unit 1795